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Per reftel, on October 19 PolOff demarched Monika Ioakim, a second secretary in the MFA's Multilateral Relations division. Ioakim stated that Cyprus and the broader European Union agree with most of the proposed U.S. resolutions for the UNGA Third Committee. A notable exception concerns the U.S. resolution on the death penalty; Ioakim claimed that Cyprus's "top priority" is to oppose it. Other RoC priorities for UNGA action include Burma- and Iran-related resolutions. Ioakim added that the EU is still awaiting a response from the U.S. regarding its proposed amendments on the Belarus resolution.

12. Regarding the "Rape as an Instrument of State Policy" resolution, Ioakim stated that Cyprus and the EU support its gist, but disagree over its timing, scope and text. Her sense is that the resolution must be discussed further in New York, with greater involvement by the EU Presidency. SCHLICHER